

To Show Himself Strong in the Behalf of Them

by F.B. Meyer

God longs to show Himself strong on our behalf, but requires a heart perfect in simplicity and frankness of faith to intervene.

Scripture: 2 Chronicles 16:9, Psalm 34:15, Isaiah 41:10, Jeremiah 29:13, Matthew 6:25, Hebrews 11:6

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Description

F.B. Meyer emphasizes the importance of having a perfect heart towards God, as illustrated in the story of Asa, who failed to trust God's delivering power and sought help from an earthly ally instead. This lack of faith cost him the divine assistance that was readily available. Meyer encourages believers to recognize that God is eager to show Himself strong on their behalf, but this requires a complete renunciation of other confidants and a simple, unwavering trust in Him. He reminds us that God's eyes are always upon us, observing our struggles and longing to help us if we would only have perfect confidence in Him. The sermon calls for a deep, trusting relationship with God to experience His strength in our lives.

Transcript

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whose heart is perfect toward him. 2 Chron. xvi. 9.

THE emphasis is clearly on the word perfect. That was the point between Hanani the seer and Asa the king. Asa's mistake and sin lay in his resorting to Benhadad, king of Syria, as an ally against Baasha. Evidently he did not perfectly trust the delivering power of God; and in this failure of his faith, he forfeited the all-sufficient help which would have more than availed. As the seer said very truly, simple trust in God had brought deliverance from the Ethiopians and Lubim, though they were a much huger host than Baasha's; and the same attitude in respect of Baasha would have secured a like result. God was only awaiting the appeal of Asa's faith, to show Himself strong. What a mistake to send to Syria!

Now, dear reader, this is very pertinent for your life and mine. We often complain that we are bereft of help, and send off for Benhadad. And all the while the eyes of the Lord are looking pitifully and longingly at us. Nothing would give Him greater pleasure than to show Himself strong on our behalf. This, however, He cannot do until renouncing all other confidants and helpers, our heart is perfect in the simplicity and frankness of its faith. What an exquisite thought is suggested by the allusion to the eyes of the Lord running to and fro throughout the whole earth! At a glance He takes in our position; not a sorrow, trial, or

temptation visits us without exciting his notice and loving sympathy. In all the whole wide earth there is not one spot so lonely, one heart so darkened, as to escape those eyes. Oh for the perfect confidence which will allow Him to act! It is for lack of this that we remain unhelped, and spend our days in the midst of wars and tumults.

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